

**Amendments to the Specification**

Page 1, before line 3, insert:

“INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND”

Page 1, before line 15, insert:

“SUMMARY OF INVENTION”

Page 1, before line 24, insert the heading:

“DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION”

Page 18, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 9, as follows:

Particularly preferred polyisocyanates are biuretized or trimerized 1,6-hexamethylene diisocyanate, diphenylmethane-4, 4'-diisocyanate modified by tripropylene glycol, mixtures of polyphenyl-polymethylene polyisocyanates and diphenylmethane-2, 4'-diisocyanate and diphenylmethane-4,4'-diisocyanate, mixtures of ~~polyphenyl~~[sic] polyphenyl-polymethylene polyisocyanates and diphenylmethane-2, 4'-diisocyanate and diphenylmethane-4, 4'-diisocyanate, the binuclear proportion preferably being more than 70 wt.% and at the same time the content of 2, 4'-isomers being above 30%.

Page 21, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 19, as follows:

Suitable as extenders are in particular liquid, practically inert substances that have a boiling point of above 150°C (at normal pressure). The following may be mentioned by way of example: alkyl-, alkoxy- and/or halogen-substituted aromatic compounds such as dodecylbenzene, m-dipropoxyl-benzene and/or o-dichlorobenzene, halogenated aliphatic compounds such as chlorinated paraffins, organic carbonates such as propylene carbonate, ~~carbonate~~[sic] carboxylic acid esters such as dioctyl phthalate, as well as dodecylsulfonic acid esters and organic phosphorus compounds such as tricresyl phosphate.